Defense Planning Program Guidance: Family Support Program Review

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OSD & Service Collaboration

- The FY12 DPPG (signed 12 July 2010) tasked USD (P&R), in coordination with the Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation (D, CAPE) and the Secretaries of the Military Departments, to review defense-wide family support programs to identify:
  - gaps
  - duplicative efforts
  - opportunities to develop joint programs and share resources
- Team led by MC&FP included representatives from the Services, Reserve Affairs, National Guard Bureau, CAPE, and Comptroller
- Report signed by Under Secretary of Defense (P&R) and submitted to Sec Def September 8, 2010

Review Findings

- Overarching Gap:
  - Services and programs for geographically dispersed and Reserve Component families
- Potential Gap:
  - Exceptional Family Member Programs (EFMP)
- Potential Overlaps:
  - Non-medical counseling
  - Information and Referral Services
- Opportunities for Joint Collaboration:
  - Spouse Employment and Education
  - Financial Readiness Counseling

Next Steps

- Continue review of family support programs to validate the extent to which the findings in this review represent actual gaps or overlaps in programs

- Focus on RMD Studies:
  - DoD Family Program Web Sites Consolidation
  - Special Needs Study

- Review current research projects on military families to identify gaps, overlaps or opportunities for collaboration

Next Steps (cont.)

- Link program review to family readiness future force needs and outcomes
- Describe the full range of appropriate family support services that the Defense Department will provide to balance affordability with readiness
- Deliver follow-on report to the Deputy Secretary of Defense on September 1, 2011